

### REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 39-50 are currently pending, claims 1, 5, 15, 22, 29, 41, 47, 48, and 50 having been amended, and claim 51 newly added. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

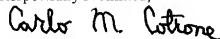
#### Interview summary

An interview with Examiner Joel Lamprecht was conducted on December 22, 2009 by Applicants' Representative Carlo M. Cotrone (Reg. No. 48,715), Patent Engineer Emily C. Stockhausen, Jay Boisseranc (Director of Research & Development, Merge CAD), and Maisie Wang (Research Scientist, Merge CAD). During the interview, the participants discussed the subject matter of the independent claims and proposed amendments. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration.

#### Conclusion

In light of the above, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the attorneys of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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